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# S. Africa defends raid, links dead to terrorists

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JOHANNESBURG — South Africa yesterday defended its raid a week ago in neighboring Botswana that left a dozen dead. Seized equipment and hundreds of documents were displayed which the South Africans said confirmed the link between those killed and the African National Congress.

"This was an ANC terrorist war machine," police Maj. Craig Williamson said of the targets in the Botswana capital of Gaborone. "It was a nest of terror. It was a nest of intelligence."

"This was an operation carried out with clinical precision," he said. "All of the targets had ANC links."

The raid last Friday, widely criticized in the West and throughout Africa, led to Washington recalling Ambassador Herman Nickel on Sunday.

Yesterday's press conference was an attempt to deflect the mounting

international criticism of South Africa's action.

Maj. Williamson displayed 'canceled checks, receipt books, literature, computer printout sheets, telephone receipts, weapons and hand grenades he called a "treasure trove of intelligence" and only a fraction of the tens of thousands of captured documents.

"The intelligence brought back from Gaborone by the security forces confirms the intelligence on which the attack was based," Maj. Williamson said, adding that so far nine of those killed had been linked to the ANC or allied groups. Some of those killed, he said, were listed in ANC subscription books found in the nine houses and one office attacked and destroyed.

Botswana has insisted those killed in the raid were civilians or refugees, rejecting South Africa's contention of the ANC link. One person killed, Achmed Geer, a Somali refugee had received Dutch citizenship. His Dutch-born wife was wounded in the attack.

Botswana reported that a 5-year-old child was killed in the raid. There has been speculation that some people were kidnapped. South Africa has denied kidnapping anyone in the raid.

Receipt books seized, Maj. Williamson said, showed travel money and payments to organizations inside South Africa, including trade unions.

"The ANC has been involved in clandestine and subversive" activity in Botswana, Maj. Williamson said, equating their operation to that of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Lebanon several years ago. "The same type of situation was developing," he said.

Telephone accounts showed numerous calls to Cape Town, Lusaka, and the PLO representative office in Harare, he said.

Gen. Constand Viljoen, chief of the South African Army, last Friday said grenade attacks on two colored parliamentarians that wounded one, had been the "last straw" leading to the raid. During the press conference Maj. Williamson said one target of the raid had been a house used for crash courses in using grenades.

Maj. Williamson, a former undercover agent who had infiltrated the ANC, said they were more certain now the attack on the two parliamentarians was carried out by people trained at the Gaborone house.

Grenades, he said, "are easy to use and easy to conceal and easy to carry."

"And I think the ANC probably by now has ensured there are in certain parts of South Africa a number of individuals who will be able to throw these hand grenades."

Among the most important items captured, he said, were a computer from the Solidarity News Service, financial and logistical documents dating back to 1977, documents and reports on ANC operations inside South Africa and weapons, particularly a silenced-equipped AK-47 assault rifle.

Yesterday's conference came a day after a spate of terrorist incidents, including a bombing on Durban's beach front and the wounding of three policemen in Cape Town.

The latest incidents include Wednesday night's bomb at the XL Tearoom in Durban in which two people were injured by flying glass. Yesterday morning a bomb exploded in the center of Durban at 7 a.m. but there were no injuries.

In a third incident, three policemen in Cape Town were wounded Wednesday night when a man they stopped for questioning in the black township of Guguletu threw a hand grenade at them.

Despite an intensive house-to-house search, no one was arrested.